2Stb December COURT NEWS

This Christmas the Chamberlain's men played at Court on the 26th and the Admiral's yesterday The Queen hath graced the dancing and plays with her own presence, and played at cards in the Presence at primero with the Lord Treasurer, Mr Secretary and the Lord North The Court was great and full of Lords and Ladies, and her Majesty came to the Chapel At Court upon the very white walls much villainy hath been written against Master Secretary

2<)th December A CAMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS PLAY

At St John's College in Cambridge they have a Christmas play called *The Return from Parnassus*', being a second part to that play which they had last year In this play is shown the hard hap of needy scholars when they leave the University that are forced to spend their wits as sextons, or tutors to young gentlemen, or in the service of gulls They conclude therefore to go to Rome or Rheiins and there mend their state

$oth December A DEFENCE OF DARRELL

Some friend of Darrell hath published a little book called *The trial of Master Darrell,* or a collection of defences against allegations not yet suffered to receive convenient answer, which are intended to clear him from the imputation of teaching Somers and others to counterfeit possession of devils Addeth thereto an epistle concerning Mr. Harsnett's treatise

31^ *December* NEW PLATS AT THE ROSE

The Lord Admiral's players have played these new plays at the Rose since Midsummer *All Fools but the Fool* (by Chapman) , *The Gentle Craft* (by Dekker) , *The Stepmother's Tragedy* (by Chetde and Dekker) , *Bear a Brain* (by Dekker) , *Page of Plymouth* (by Dekker and Jonson) , *The Poor Man's*

Paradise (by Haughton) , *Robert the Second, King of Scots* (by Chettle, Dekker and Jonson) , *Tristram of Lionesse* , *Sir John Oldcastle* (by Drayton, Hathaway, Munday and Wilson), *Patient Grissel* (by Chetde, Dekker and Haughton) , *Cox of Cvllumpton* (by Day and Haughton); *Henry Richmond,* the 2nd part (by Wilson), *Thomas Merry , or Beech*s Tragedy* (by Day and Haughton) , *Fortunatus* (by Dekker).